

Saturday, July 25, 1863.

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Dear Garrison,

Dr. Massey has just left me, to go to New Haven, where he is engaged to preach to-morrow. He expressed his wish and purpose to attend your Abington meeting, and I hope nothing will occur to prevent his doing so. I was surprised, however, to see no mention of his name in the Liberator of this week, and feared that my letter had somehow

failed to reach you. The Dr. has
just come from Washington, where
he had very satisfactory inter-
views with the President, Seward,
Chase, and other officials. He
will tell you all about it
when he sees you.

I like the Doctor exceedingly,
and, representing as he does the
Emancipation Society, I hope
he will be received most
cordially by our friends. A
response from your pen to the
address of the Manchester Con-
ference (see Standard of July 11/)

if adopted by the Abington meeting,
would please him much; and
there is something to be said from
our stand-point, which that
meeting may fitly utter. True,
the address is, in form, to ministers,
but the Dr. is getting responses
to it from previous meetings
of ministers and laymen.

I wish I could go to your
meeting, but my tether is too
short. I think that, in time to
come, I must stipulate with
the Committee for an annual
respite of a month. It is hard

to be tied here through the
whole summer season.

With love to all your house-
hold, I am, dear Garrison,

Yours, now and always,

Oliver Johnson,